

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS**  
**Chapter 16: DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

**§1094-HH. SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

A dental hygiene therapist may provide the care and services listed in this section and may provide them only under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed in this State. A dental hygiene therapist practicing under general supervision of a dentist may perform all duties of a dental hygiene therapist listed in rules adopted by the board. A dental hygiene therapist who is licensed as a dental hygienist may perform all of the duties of a dental hygienist under this chapter. A dental hygiene therapist who is licensed as an independent practice dental hygienist may perform all of the duties of an independent practice dental hygienist. A dental hygiene therapist may: [ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**1. Assessments and treatments; preparations; restorations.** Perform oral health assessments, pulpal disease assessments for primary and young teeth, simple cavity preparations and restorations and simple extractions;

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**2. Crowns; space maintainers.** Prepare and place stainless steel crowns and aesthetic anterior crowns for primary incisors and prepare, place and remove space maintainers;

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**3. Referrals.** Provide referrals;

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**4. Anesthesia.** Administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia;

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**5. Preventive services.** Perform preventive services;

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**6. Management of dental trauma and suturing; extractions.** Conduct urgent management of dental trauma, perform suturing and extract primary teeth and perform nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth if authorized in advance by the supervising dentist;

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**7. Medications.** Provide, dispense and administer, within the parameters of the written practice agreement entered into under section 1094-GG and with the authorization of the supervising dentist, anti-inflammatories, nonprescription analgesics, antimicrobials, antibiotics and anticaries materials;

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**8. Radiographs.** Administer radiographs; and

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) . ]

**9. Other related services and functions.** Perform other related services and functions authorized by the supervising dentist and for which the dental hygiene therapist is trained.

[ 2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2013, c. 575, §7 (NEW).

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